

# Polonus PURLS (Philatelic URLs)

## Polish Military History

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Many of us are interested in Military History, given that Poland and Poles have been in many wars and campaigns. It's been a hard area for me to survey, but here are some tidbits you might find useful.

### Libraries:

**Pritzker Military Library**, <http://www.pritzkermilitarylibrary.org/home/default.aspx>

- Probably the largest military library available to the general public without prior application.
- Located in Chicago, across from the Art Institute
- Catalog at <http://prml.sirsi.net> (or <http://prml.sirsi.net/uhtbin/cgisirsi/0/0/0/49>). <http://prml.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/> gives access to various themes, such as WWII Eastern Front. Each theme has links to related websites and selected library holdings.

**Library of Congress, Military Bases, Universities, et al**

- May be available by prior appointment only.

### Portals and Websites:

**Library of Congress Alcove 9**, <http://www.loc.gov/rr/main/alcove9/military/library.html>, lists about ten websites. One is the **Society for Military History**, <http://www.smh-hq.org/>, with extensive links. Click on "Links" and then click on "Links Pages and Search Engines" to find thirteen sites. Some of the listed sites are not working, however, two that are working are:

- Yahoo's Links to Military History, [http://dir.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/History/By\\_Subject/Military\\_History/](http://dir.yahoo.com/Arts/Humanities/History/By_Subject/Military_History/). (Who knew that Yahoo had directories like this? On my browser, it's under "More Y! Sites" below "Weather" on the left.)
- WWW Virtual Library History: Military History, <http://vlib.iue.it/history/mil/index.html>. This is an extensive listing of military history beginning with ancient times.

**BYU Library's List of WWI Sites**, [http://wwi.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Links\\_to\\_Other\\_WWI\\_Sites](http://wwi.lib.byu.edu/index.php/Links_to_Other_WWI_Sites) this site does not list Poland but still may be useful and interesting.

**Bill's Bunker**, <http://www.bills-bunker.de/index2.html>, covers WWI, WWII and the inter-war period.

- Click on "Home (Site Index)" and scroll down to see philatelic material, indicated by the stamp images.

**Military History Resources**, <http://www.cc.gatech.edu/fac/Thomas.Pilsch/history.html>, has hundreds of listings.

**COSI Military History & 'Open' Research Tools**, <http://openmilhistorytech.blogspot.com/2011/01/military-history-historical-research.html>, a 2011 blog posting, also has many links.

- One is MilitaryHistoryOnline.com, <http://www.militaryhistoryonline.com/>.

**Chapman University Library** has an internet research guide at <http://chapman.libguides.com/content.php?pid=25628&sid=207926>.

**Best of History Websites** has a military history section at <http://www.besthistorysites.net/index.php/military-history>.

**Internet Public Library**, <http://www.ipl.org/>, has a search engine, into which you can type "Military History" or whatever you want.

Polish Genealogical Society's **Polish Military History bibliography**, <http://www.pgsa.org/Educational-Center/military.php>

- Many sources are in Polish, might be hard to find.

[www.prz.ginsburgs.org/links/](http://www.prz.ginsburgs.org/links/) has a few other sites, mostly focusing on WWI Poland. Scroll down the left navigation bar and click on "Military History Sites".

My recommendation is to visit these sites in order to familiarize you with the content and to develop your own "Military History" list of favorites.